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SUBJ: DEMONSTRATIONS IN RAMALLAH

- 1. STUDENTS DEMONSTRATED IN RAMALLAH MAR. 6 AND 7; SLIGHT DAMAGE DONE TO ISRAELI VEHICLES AND SOME ARRESTS, ACCORDING TO ISRAELI RADIO. EXACT CAUSE UNCLEAR, BUT LIKELY THAT STUDENTS WERE PROTESTING: A. ISRAELI SETTLEMENT ATTEMPT AT MESHAH, B. CONDITIONS OF ARABS IN ISRAELI PRISONS, C. INCREASES IN HEALTH FEES IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS, OR D. ALL OF THE ABOVE. SITUATION HAD RETURNED TO NORMAL BY AFTERNOON, MARCH 7 WHEN CONGEN OFFICER PASSED THROUGH.
- 2. A DELEGATION FROM MESHAH CALLED ON NABLUS' MAYOR MARCH 6 TO ASK HIS HELP IN PREVENTING ISRAELI SETTLERS THERE, ACCORDING TO AL QUDS.
- 3. COMMENT: AFTER A WINTER FREE OF CAUSES CELEBRES AND RESULTANT DEMONSTRATIONS, WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE STUDENTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN RAMALLAH ARE READY TO CONTEST THE SETTLEMENT AT MESHAH. SHOULD NABLUS JOIN IN, ALONG WITH TULKARM AND QALQILYA, WHICH ARE IN THE VICINITY OF THE SETTLEMENT, THE THE UNREST MIGHT BECOME GENERAL. NEWLIN

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